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REMARKS

Reconsideration of the above-referenced application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-33 stand provisionally rejected on the ground of non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting. The Examiner has indicated that the provisional rejection may be overcome by submission of a timely filed terminal disclaimer. A terminal disclaimer is being submitted herewith on behalf of the Applicants. In view of the submission of the terminal disclaimer, it is believed that the rejection based on obviousness-type double patenting has been overcome. No amendments to the claims have been introduced.

The Examiner has objected to the Abstract on the stated basis that it is not directed to that which the Applicants regard as new in the art to which the invention pertains. The Applicants have amended the Abstract in the foregoing amendments to provide a new Abstract that parallels present base claim 1. In view of such amendment, the Applicants believe that the Abstract defines what is new in the art. Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully submit that the objection to the Abstract has been overcome.

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In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the Applicants respectfully submit that all pending claims and the application are in a condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned Attorney to discuss any matter that would expedite allowance of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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